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In re application of:

Xuyen Pham et al.

Application No.: 09/154,930

Filed: September 17, 1998

For: POWDER FILLING APPARATUS

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 14, 1999 for one month, from December 14, 1999 to January 14, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$110.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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